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REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted under 37 CFR 1.312 after issuance of the Notice of Allowance. The present Amendment was not submitted earlier since the necessity of the amendments was not noticed earlier in view of the amendments made to the claims by the Examiner's Amendment on pages 2-6 in the Notice of Allowance.

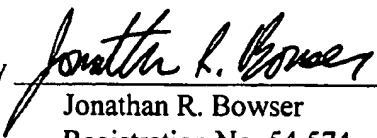
The present Amendment serves to ensure proper disclosure and protection of the invention. Entry of the present Amendment will not require any substantial amount of work on the part of PTO personnel. Therefore, entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, minor editorial amendments are made to 20, 29 and 33 in order to be consistent with the limitations originally presented in claims 20, 22-23, 29 and 31-32. Further, claims 34 and 37-40 are each amended herein in order to remove the terms "sensor is supplied." since these terms were intended to be removed from the claims in the Examiner's Amendment. Similarly, claim 41 is amended to remove original lines 2-4 of claim 41 since these lines were not indicated to be removed by the Examiner's Amendment.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered as being directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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